Restructuring of RBI

2008. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has set up a special committee to work on a possible restructuring and revamping of the RBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, it is proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Searches on accounting firms

2009. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted searches on some accounting firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the scope of searches;

(d) what was the outcome; and

(e) whether this type of searches will be followed at regular intervals in future to keep tab on the accounting firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During Financial Year 2002-03, a search was conducted at the premises of an accounting firm of Delhi on 6.9.2002.

(c) On the basis of information collected by the Department, search u/s 132 of Income Tax Act is carried out in a case, if the Director of Income Tax (Investigation) is satisfied that the income, which has

not been disclosed or is not likely to be disclosed to the Income Tax Department, can be unearthed by conducting search in that case.

(d) Cash of Rs. 2,50,000/- and share certificate of face value of Rs. 17,32,500/- were seized.

(e) The searches can only be conducted for the reasons mentioned at (c) above.

Fiscal Management Committee

2010. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to form a high level Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Finance Minister of workout possible solution with Fiscal Management to sort-out the Fiscal mess at the Centre and the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Finance and Company Affairs set up to assess the fiscal situation of States discussed these issues and recommended certain measures. These were considered at the meeting of all State Finance Ministers under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Finance and Company Affairs and subsequently, at the meeting of Chief Ministers on fiscal situation of States under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, to enable wider consultation to arrive at a consensual approach. The Government of India wouk* be glided by the decisions taken in this meeting of the Chief Ministers.